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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: 17 December SIG-I on CI

1. I spent last night going through the Congressional testimony on Security and CI, [ ] proposed agenda, and talking points for next week's SIG-I on CI and CM, and related papers.

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2. There appears to be confusion on the Counterintelligence Capabilities Improvement Report called for by Sec. 402 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 1986. It calls for a report by the NSC which is appropriate given the wide involvement of Intelligence Community and non-IC agencies.

3. But Congressional staffers seem to be implementing it with NSC Staff members. The proposed agenda for the SIG-I is focused on "who is in charge" and whether the SIG-I should somehow be under NSC Staff leadership. That strikes me as all wrong!

4. The SIG-I needs to get busy and on top of the newly emerged issues. Indeed, it has, without having meetings--note the technical security upgrade program, the leak and hostile presence work bogged down in the NSC, the Moscow Embassy work, red teams, etc.--been handled at working levels.

5. This meeting, it seems to me, should update the SIG-I on this activity, on the Congressional hearings, on the activities and programs of related committees--SECOM, Information Handling Committee, the new National Telecommunications and Information Management Committee--on the activities of State and Defense on security, etc. It should have the NSC representative update us on hostile presence and leaks.

6. Take a look at [ ] proposed agenda and if you agree with my slant on the meeting, get a different agenda drafted.

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7. The SIG-I needs not to ask questions but to take charge and integrate other elements into the process.

8. If you think it necessary, get the appropriate people together. I would think it could be done with a couple of phone calls.

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